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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Michael A. FISCHER)	Confirmation No. 3148
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Application No.: 09/292,152)	Group Art Unit: 3752
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Filed: April 15, 1999)	Examiner: D. Nguyen
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For: EARLY SUPPRESSION FAST RESPONSE)		
FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER)		

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
600 Dulany Street
Customer Window, Mail Stop RCE
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- ☐ Previously submitted:
- ☐ Please consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - ☐ Other: _____
- ☒ Enclosed:
- ☐ Supplemental Reply
 - ☒ Preliminary Amendment
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ PTO Form 1449 with one reference attached

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2. Miscellaneous

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

☐ Other:

3. Fees Calculation

(a) RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

☒ \$790.00

☐ \$395.00 (for small entity)

(b) Extension of Time

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below.

Total Months Requested	Fee for Extension	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

The extension of time fee for this request: \$0.00.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	264	minus	320	0	x \$50 each=	+ \$0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	16	minus	31	0	x \$200 each=	+ \$0.00
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$280.00	+ \$0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$0.00

4. Fee Payment

☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____.

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0310 in the amount of \$790.00, for the RCE filing fee.

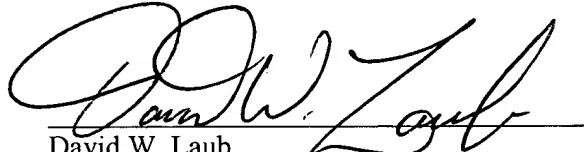
☒ **EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Prior to the continued examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows: